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Price House  
Kent Island  
Private

late 18th century

The Price House originally consisted of a 1 1/2 story, frame gambrel roof dwelling with a frame kitchen wing, probably dating to the mid-18th century or perhaps earlier. In the last quarter of the 18th century the house was enlarged by the construction of a 2 story brick section forming a right angle to the early frame house. When the Price House was renovated and restored in the 1960's, the frame sections were beyond repair and were replaced with a modern wing. The early brick "addition" has survived and now forms the main house.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Price House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West side of Route 8

CITY, TOWN

Queen Anne's Colony, Kent Island

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Edward J. McGraw

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21666

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 30

Folio #: 171

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Price House is located to the west of Route 8, approximately six miles south of Stevensville on Kent Island. The house is sited on level ground between a small tidal creek and the Chesapeake Bay. This tract of land has been subdivided and developed as "Queen Anne's Colony", and the Price House is now situated on a lot in the center of the development.

In the early 1930's, this house was studied by Henry Chandlee Forman, who included a short analysis in his book, Early Manor and Plantation Houses in Maryland (privately published, 1934). Dr. Forman included a measured floor plan and a photograph of the house. Based on this evidence it is clear that the surviving 2 1/2 story brick section was an addition to an earlier 1 1/2 story frame house with a gambrel roof and a smaller frame wing. Forman concluded that the two earlier sections dated to the 17th and early 18th century. While it seems unlikely that either section predated 1700, certainly it can be said that they were considerably older than the brick section of circa 1770.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Price House originally consisted of a frame gambrel roof house, five bays wide and 1 1/2 stories high with a center passage plan and a story-and-a-half kitchen wing. It is unclear which was the earliest section, but both clearly dated to the mid-18th century or earlier. In the last quarter of the 18th century a large two story five bay brick section was added at right angles to the gambrel roof structure. This reoriented the house and transformed the original dwelling into a rear L. In the 1960's the two frame sections were demolished and the brick section was repaired and renovated.

Significant features include the evidence of tilted false plate eave construction in the demolished kitchen wing and the one-piece molded window frames found stored in the garden shed.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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(1) Forman, H. C. Early Manor and Plantation Houses in Maryland. Privately published, 1934.

(2) "Price House". Kent Shoreman Vol. 7 No. 11, March, 1973.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/15/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

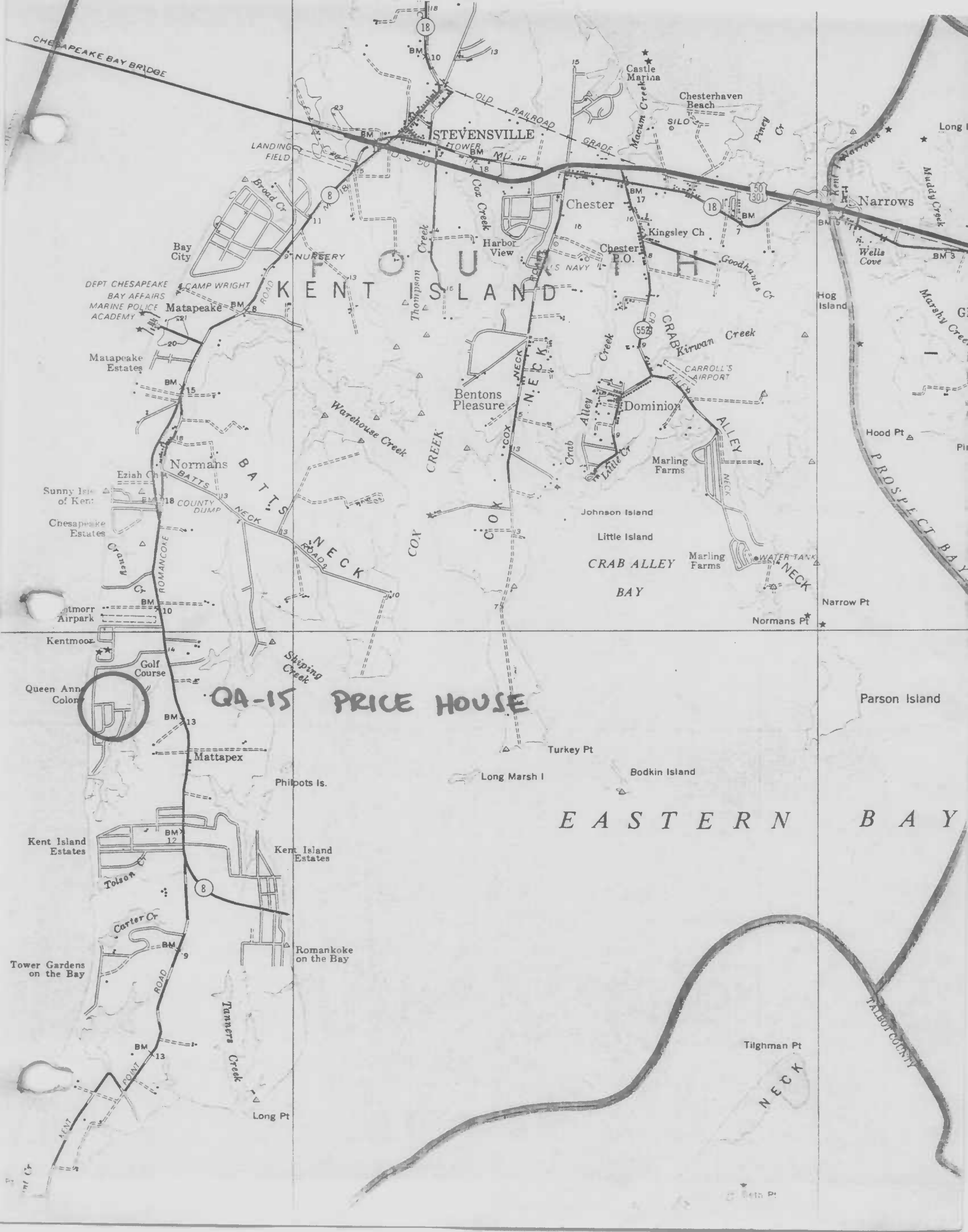
Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XVII; Recorded July 3, 1980.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Price House

Mary McCarthy  
Spring/Summer 2003  
Digital color photo on file at MHT







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~~Orlando Ridout V 1980~~

West facade

J.W. Vallentyne 1974

April 1974  
JWV



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Price House  
Kent Island

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View from Southwest

JW Vallant 1974

April 1974  
JWV



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Price House  
Kent Island  
Michael O. Bourne 1964  
View from Southeast

PRICE HOUSE, KENT ISLAND, M.I.B. 1964 DIA15



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Price House  
Kent Island  
Michael O. Bourne 1964  
View from Northeast

PRICE HOUSE, KENT ISLAND-MOB. 1964 QA.15